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business of a large community, ceaselessly yields a harvest of litigation, considered with a grasp and thoroughness which will not fail to arrest his attention and command his admiration, whether engaged in settling a petty affair of two bureaus, as in *Roberts vs. Beatty*, or reasoning upon the Pittsburg fire cases, involving millions.

In conclusion, we feel bound to say, that we regard this work, taken as a whole, clear in statement, diligent in citation, accurate in detail, commendable in research, excellent in learning, simple in style, and altogether the most carefully considered and best prepared exhibition of the comprehensive law of contracts, that has ever yet been presented in the English language.

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United States Digest, containing a Digest of Decisions of the Courts of Common Law, Equity and Admiralty in the United States and in England, by John Phelps Putnam, of the Boston Bar; vol. VI., Annual Digest for 1852. Boston; Little, Brown & Co. 1853. pp. 810.

The great house of Little, Brown & Co., have again furnished us with the usual Annual Digest, a work without which no practising lawyer can be informed both easily and cheaply of the current decisions in every part of the United States, and in Westminster Hall. We consider no further notice required, than to announce its publication.

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An Essay on the Principles of Circumstantial Evidence, illustrated by numerous cases, by William Wills, Esq., from the third London edition. Philadelphia, T. & J. W. Johnson, Law Book sellers. 1853. pp. 283.

The important doctrines of circumstantial evidence, have been fully considered by Mr. Starkie, in his practical treatise, and by Mr. Bentham, in his philosophical discussion; but Mr. Wills has given, in this agreeable little volume, most scientifically arranged and admirably generalized, the fruits of almost all the reported cases in a comprehensive and satisfactory shape. Our object in this notice, is however not to praise a book which has been in our libraries for a number of years, but to call attention to the beautifully printed edition now before us. Too much praise cannot be given our law publishing houses, for the large type and white paper, which there is a growing disposition to present for the benefit of professional eyes and tempers. We trust the publishers will be induced to give us other volumes, equally satisfactory in their mechanical department.